

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A microprocessor including:
a memory controller to couple to a memory and one or more microprocessors;
an execution unit coupled to the memory controller, the execution unit to trigger a snoop if a store into [[a]] the memory occurs;
a trace cache coupled to the execution unit;
an instruction decoder coupled to the trace cache; and
[[a]] an instruction translation lookaside buffer [[TLB]] (ITLB) having a content addressable memory (CAM), the ITLB to receive and receiving a physical address indicating the location where the store occurred in the memory, the [[TLB]] ITLB to store page translations between a linear page address and a physical page address pointing to a page of the memory having content stored within [[a]] the trace cache, the [[TLB]] ITLB including a first CAM input port responsive to the snoop to compare the physical address received by the [[TLB]] ITLB with the physical page address stored therein.
2. (Original) The microprocessor of claim 1 wherein
if it is determined that the physical address received by the TLB matches a physical page address stored within the TLB, indicating that information was modified within the memory correlating to information potentially located within the cache, information within the cache is invalidated.

3. (Original) The microprocessor of claim 2 wherein
information within the cache is invalidated by setting a bit in the cache to indicate invalid
information in a cache line and disregarding the information within the cache.

4. (Original) The microprocessor of claim 1 wherein
if it is determined that the physical address received by the TLB matches a physical page
address stored within the TLB, indicating that information was modified within the memory
correlating to information potentially located within the cache or a pipeline, and the
microprocessor provides inclusion for the cache and the pipeline such that information within the
cache and the pipeline are invalidated.

5. (Original) The microprocessor of claim 4 wherein
information the cache and a pipeline are invalidated by setting a bit in the cache to
indicate invalid information in a cache line and disregarding the information within the cache
and the pipeline.

6. (Original) The microprocessor of claim 4 wherein
the TLB maintains original page translations for all bytes of information within the cache
and pipeline to provide inclusion.

7-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The microprocessor of claim 1 wherein

the cache is a trace instruction cache and the information stored therein in instructions and the TLB is an instruction translation lookaside buffer (ITLB).

13. (Original) A method of self modifying code detection for cache coherency, comprising:

storing page table translations, the stored page table translations including linear page addresses associated with physical page addresses into a physically addressable memory for information stored into a cache memory;

providing a physical memory address of a store into the physically addressable memory; and

comparing the provided physical memory address to the physical page memory addresses included in the stored page table translations to determine if the physically addressable memory has been updated by self modifying code.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein

the comparing generates a match between the provided physical memory address and one or more of the physical page memory addresses included in the stored page table translations indicating the potential occurrence of self modifying code and cache incoherency.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising:

invalidating the instructions within the cache memory and an instruction pipeline for execution and fetching new instructions from the physically addressable memory to overwrite the invalidated instructions after the comparing generates a match indicating the potential occurrence of self modifying code and cache incoherency.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 further comprising:
maintaining original stored page table translations for all bytes of information within the
cache memory and an instruction pipeline. [[.]]

19. (Currently Amended) A computer including:
a memory; and
at least one microprocessor, the at least one microprocessor including,
an instruction cache to store instructions for execution,
an execution unit coupled to the instruction cache to execute the instructions
stored therein, the execution unit to trigger a snoop if a store into the memory is executed,
and
an instruction translation lookaside buffer (ITLB) having a content addressable
memory (CAM), the ITLB to receive ~~and receiving~~ a physical address indicating the
location where the execution of the store occurred in the memory, the ITLB to store page
translations between a linear page address and a physical page address pointing to a page
of the memory having contents stored within the instruction cache, the ITLB including a
CAM input port responsive to the snoop to compare the physical address received by the
TLB with the physical page address stored therein.

20. (Original) The computer of claim 19 wherein

if it is determined that the physical address received by the TLB matches a physical page address stored within the ITLB, indicating that an instruction was modified within the memory correlating to an instruction located within the instruction cache, instructions located within the instruction cache and an instruction pipeline within the execution unit are invalidated.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) The computer of claim 19 wherein the instruction cache is a trace instruction cache.

23. (Original) A method of detecting cache incoherency in a computer comprising:
providing a physical address associated with a store into memory;
comparing the physical address associated with the store into memory with a plurality of physical page addresses indicating from what pages in a memory information was stored into a cache;
generating a self modifying code hit signal indicating a possibility of cache incoherency;
and
invalidating the information stored into the cache upon generation of the self modifying code hit signal.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the plurality of physical page addresses are stored within an instruction translation lookaside buffer.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

invalidating the information stored into an instruction pipeline from the cache upon generation of the self modifying code hit signal.

26. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

fetching instructions from memory to rewrite the information into the cache to obtain cache coherency.

27. (Currently Amended) A microprocessor including:

a memory controller to couple to a memory and one or more microprocessors, the memory controller to trigger a snoop if a store into a memory occurs;

an execution unit coupled to the memory controller, the execution unit to execute instructions; and

a translation lookaside buffer (TLB) coupled to the execution unit, the TLB having a content addressable memory (CAM), the TLB to receive and receiving a physical address indicating the location where the store occurred in the memory, the TLB to store page translations between a linear page address and a physical page address pointing to a page of the memory having contents stored within the cache, the TLB including a CAM input port responsive to the snoop to compare the physical address received by the TLB with the physical page address stored therein.

28. (Original) The microprocessor of claim 27 wherein

if it is determined that the physical address received by the TLB matches a physical page address stored within the TLB, indicating that information was modified within the memory

correlating to information potentially located within the cache or a pipeline, and the microprocessor provides inclusion for the cache and the pipeline such that information within the cache and the pipeline are invalidated.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Original) The microprocessor of claim 27 wherein
the cache is a trace instruction cache and the information stored therein is instructions and
the TLB is an instruction translation lookaside buffer (ITLB).